

\*\*\*\*\*July 12, 2021\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Charles Poss  
Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock  
Councilmember Vicki Anderson  
Councilmember Andrew Gardner  
Councilmember Dan Landrum

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal  
Town Attorney Harry Cash  
Special Proj. & Compliance Manager Sam Guin  
See attached list for others present

Mayor Poss led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the June 14, 2021 regular meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

The minutes for the June 28, 2021 budget meeting were presented. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mayor Poss asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

There being no requests, the meeting proceeded.

### **Resolutions**

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE LETTER OF AGREEMENT: DIRECT APPROPRIATION GRANT FOR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE."

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE TWO (2) 2021 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 CREW CAB WORK TRUCKS, TENNESSEE STATE CONTRACT NUMBER 64414, FROM WILSON COUNTY MOTORS, LEBANON, TENNESSEE, FOR A PER UNIT PRICE OF TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY ONE DOLLARS AND 90/100 (\$28,751.90)

FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS AND 80/100 (\$57,503.80) TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

3. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY PARTNERS “SAFETY PARTNERS” LOSS CONTROLS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM WHICH SHALL BE AWARDED IN SEPTEMBER OF 2021.”

Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

4. “A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION IV(A)(2) OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PERSONNEL POLICY, RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY OVERTIME.”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

5. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE THREE (3) 2021 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTORS, TENNESSEE STATE CONTRACT NUMBER 209/64470, FROM FORD OF MURFREESBORO, MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE, FOR A PER UNIT PRICE OF THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$33,531.00) FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$100,593.00) TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN.”

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

6. “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO TNT CONCRETE, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS AND NINETY-NINE CENTS (\$39,420.99), AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF ARDEN WAY FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$3,942.00) IN CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT.

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the Resolution. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The resolution was approved with four votes in favor, and with Councilmember Gardner abstaining.

### **Discussion**

- a. **Municipal Landscape Ordinance.** Mayor Poss informed the Council that he has had discussions with two of the Tree Board Members regarding proposed changes to the Landscape Ordinance. He said those changes are shown in red on the draft ordinance presented to the Council members (copy attached). Following discussions, the Council made several language suggestions and agreed to ask the Tree Board to clarify and uniformly apply authorization language in sections 13-311, 13-312, and 13-313.
- b. **Scheduling Budget Meeting.** Town Manager, Boyd Veal, explained that the Personnel Committee has recommended adopting the pay plan proposed by Burris, Thompson once he any compression issues have been addressed. After discussion Council agreed to meet on the budget 7/19 or 7/20. Mr. Veal will contact Mr. Thompson to confirm his attendance and availability for the meeting.

Council agreed to meet in a Budget Worksession on Saturday 7/24 from 8:00 to noon.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Veal said that has devoted quite a bit of time on review and preparation of the salary study.

Mr. Veal said that Moody's has issued a notice that it will maintain the Town's current Aa3 bond rating.

### **Other Business**

- a. **Communications from the Mayor/Council.** Councilmember Anderson congratulated Lottie Miller who is one of the first females in this area to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout in the Scouts of America.
- b. **Reports from Committees or Boards.**

Councilmember Landrum said the Personnel Committee had met and he confirmed the Committee's recommendation to implement the salary study.

Mayor Poss reported that the BZA had met regarding 405 Georgia Avenue. He said the BZA decided to require the property seller to remove the structure that is within the setback.

- c. **Other.**

Councilmember Gardner suggest the Council consider a meeting schedule that allows one meeting each month to be a worksession for discussions, with the other monthly meeting to be designated for action items (i.e., adoption of resolutions, etc.). Council discussed why the current schedule has been established in its existing format and agreed to consider the matter further at a future meeting.

Mayor Poss said that a resident would like the temporary no parking signs at Rainbow Lake (on James) be made permanent. Mr. Veal replied that the original plan was to review this matter during the charrettes prior to making any permanent changes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Charles Poss, Mayor

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Recorder